



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS UP 3%

For the week ending September 21, 2002, growers placed 12.0 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.9% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (12.0 million) increased 2.9% from the comparable week in 2001. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 12.7 million, a decrease of 11.9% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.6 million for the week ending September 14, 2002 compared to 11.6 million slaughtered during the same week in 2001.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
----- THOUSANDS -----						
* 07/27/2002	14,183	15,267	11,771	11,798	11,774	11,798
* 08/03/2002	14,279	14,703	11,820	11,760	11,820	11,760
* 08/10/2002	14,184	14,668	11,726	11,890	11,778	11,890
* 08/17/2002	14,154	14,589	11,616	11,970	11,616	11,970
* 08/24/2002	14,391	14,430	11,685	12,131	11,687	12,132
* 08/31/2002	14,278	14,572	11,700	12,071	11,700	12,071
* 09/07/2002	13,810	13,536	11,528	12,017	11,530	12,017
* 09/14/2002	12,238	13,395	11,727	11,891	11,727	11,891
* 09/21/2002	14,389	12,677	11,676	12,012	11,679	12,012

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 09/28/2002	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	49.55	51.08	47.42	58.87
12-City Composite 2/	54.83	56.69	55.55	62.08